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State Representative Sylvester Turner Announces Disability, Technology Project

Austin, Texas - State Representative Sylvester Turner (District 139, Houston, Texas) announced that the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities (TCDD) awarded \$225,000 for the first year of a technology project to Educational Programs Inspiring Communities, Inc. This five-year project will create an interactive mobile application to promote competitive jobs for adults with developmental disabilities.

"This project is a collaboration between a Houston non-profit that educates, trains and employs adults with developmental disabilities and the Blue Lance Group, a technology firm that designs customized applications and software," Turner said. The project will create and test interactive, mobile applications that can be used in inventory, requisitions, shipping and receiving, and similar jobs.

TCDD is a 27-member board, dedicated to improving the lives of more than 475,000 Texans with developmental disabilities. The council uses a variety of activities – such as grant projects, technical assistance, public awareness and leadership training – to enable people with disabilities to live and participate in the community. Developmental disabilities are severe, chronic disabilities that occur before the age of 22, such as autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental illness, traumatic brain injury and epilepsy.

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